Adjournment motion re. Karuvannur Diversion Scheme.

President.—The Hon'ble Member for Urakam has given a motion for the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite measure of urgent public importance, namely, Diwan's Proceedings, dated 6th January regarding the Karuvannur Diversion Scheme. I do not understand what the urgency is in this measure.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I understand that in pursuance of the orders passed by the Diwan in this matter, amounts are being spent for collecting materials by sending out survey parties, making estimates and such other things. I do not know what amount will be spent; but ultimately, I understand, the amount will come up to 3 or 4 thousand rupees. Whatever that be, we cannot afford to spend much money unnecessarily now. Before much money is being spent, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government, by means of these discussions, the real public opinion in that matter. That is the urgency.

President.—I would just like to see the order.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The order asks to submit the plans and estimates immediately and before the end of Kumbham.

President.—What is asked is to prepare a final estimate. I do not quite see where the urgency is. This particular Assistant Engineer has been deputed to prepare the estimates. It is open to you to move a resolution in the next session or even when the budget is taken up.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I find the amounts are being spent. The urgency is in trying to avoid the Government spending large amounts. I understand that a special staff has been employed for this purpose. If the Government gives me an assurance that they will not spend any pie on it, I shall wait my turn till the next session or move a motion in the Budget session to oppose the scheme.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A special Assistant Engineer and his staff are working to prepare the estimate. I do not exactly know what the Hon'ble Member means by incurring expenditure. The pay of the Assistant Engineer and his staff has been provided for in the Budget for this year.

President.—I do not think this is a matter of urgency.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The urgency lies only in trying to prevent the Government spending any money.

President.—This Engineer is already in the Government service.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The staff would be doing some other work and the labour and T. A. drawn by them can be saved. If Government do not spend any money on that, of course I do not move.

President.—I do not think this is a matter of urgency. I am sorry I cannotadmit the motion.

Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I rise to move that the Village PanchayatRegulation Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Registration Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr.K. Achyuta Menon.—I rise to move that the Registration Regulation Amendment Bill, V of 1084, as amended by Regulation I of 1108 be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary tothe Council.—The title of the Bill is 'A Bill to amend the Cochin Registration Regulation V of 1084 as amended by Regulation I of 1108.'

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I request the President to suspend Standing Order No. 32 and allow me to move for taking up the Bill for consideration in this meeting.

President.—Yes.

Mr.K.Achyuta Menon.—I rise to move that the Bill be taken up and considered in this meeting.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The following sections were then put and carried.

Preamble. Whereas it is expedient to amend the Cochin Registration Regulation V of 1084, as amended by Regulation I of 1108 (hereinafter referred as the said Regulation) it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement. 1 This Regulation may be called 'the Cochin Registration Amendment Regulation of 1108' and it shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 49. 2 Para 2 of section 49 of the said Regulation, *viz.*, "The Superintendent of Registration on receiving such copy shall file it in his office", shall be deleted.

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